IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 20, 21, 26, 37, 39, and 48, as shown in the following Listing of Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A basketball backboard and hoop apparatus, comprising:

- a basketball backboard and hoop assembly;
- a support arm for supporting the basketball backboard and hoop assembly; and
- a support element, wherein the support element provides support for the support arm;

wherein the support arm is longitudinally moved along the support element, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved in the a direction of the alongitudinal movement of the support arm along a horizontal plane or a nearly horizontal plane from a first position inside a structure to a second position outside the structure, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved to an